

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2243 - HB 2860

March 2, 2022

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person to knowingly restrain a dog with a chain, chord, tether, cable, or similar device while a natural or manmade disaster is imminent or occurring. Requires that, in order to be prosecuted, the person must have previously received a warning citation for a previous violation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- On average, persons convicted of a Class C misdemeanor offense serve zero days in jail; therefore, any increase in local expenditures related to incarcerations is estimated to be not significant.
- Based on the Fiscal Review Committee's 2008 study and the Administrative Office of the Courts' 2012 study on collection of court costs, fees, and fines, collection in criminal cases is minimal due to defendants often not being able to pay them; therefore, any increase in local revenue from fines is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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